

## A Message from the Director



Every day, thousands of dedicated professionals in government, the military, academia, and civil society do the tireless, often unheralded work of making the Americas safer and more secure. The Perry Award offers an opportunity to recognize some of the individuals and organizations advancing security and defense education in the Americas.

I hope that you can help bring attention to these standout policymakers, educators, and practitioners by submitting nominations for the 2017 Perry Award.

When thinking of potential nominees, you might consider the example of the Center's founder, Dr. William J. Perry, a leader who has promoted hemispheric security in many arenas—as a senior policymaker in government, as an enlisted soldier and reserve officer in the U.S. Army, as an executive in private business, and as a researcher and educator in universities. The networks and organizations that promote democratic security in the Americas are varied, and the selection committee welcomes the nominations of individuals and institutions from many backgrounds.

Thank you for your interest in the William J. Perry Award for Excellence in Security and Defense Education. The Perry Center looks forward to receiving your nomination packets, and I look forward to announcing the 2017 Perry Award recipients as part of our yearlong celebration of the Perry Center's twentieth anniversary.

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# 2017

## The William J. Perry Award for Excellence in Security and Defense Education

In 2017, the Perry Center celebrates 20 years of empowering defense and security professionals in the Americas.

All year long, Perry Center programming will highlight the contributions of our alumni and partners in promoting democracy, regional security, and respect for human rights and the rule of law, all of which serve to maintain the Americas as a zone of peace.

## Call for Nominations

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## 2017 William J. Perry Award

Every year, the Perry Center recognizes individuals who and organizations that have made significant and sustained contributions advancing mutually supportive approaches to security, fostering transparent and capable defense and security governance institutions, and strengthening institutional capacity in the Americas.

**Eligibility:** Awardees may be either individuals who or organizations that, through education, research, outreach, and/or scholastic leadership, have contributed to the knowledge base of defense and security practitioners, advanced a cooperative international security environment, and/or promoted sustainable institutional capacity in the Americas. Awardees will have made sustained contributions in their fields in a manner consistent with the Perry Center mission.

**Nomination Process:** Send nominations to the Perry Center Selection Committee via award coordinator Michael Mann (see address below). Please include the name of the individual or organization nominated and the nominator, contact information for both, a justification for the nomination, and supportive material(s). Nominations may be made in either English or Spanish. The total package should not exceed 3,000 words.

*The deadline for all nominations is June 30, 2017.*

### Submissions:

Submit all nominations by June 30, 2017, to Michael Mann. Send electronic submissions to [mannm@ndu.edu](mailto:mannm@ndu.edu) and paper submissions to:

Perry Center Award Committee  
attn: Michael Mann  
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## About Dr. William J. Perry



Dr. William J. Perry, the 19th United States Secretary of Defense, founded the Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies, later renamed in his honor. Currently a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, Dr. Perry is the Michael and Barbara Berberian Professor at Stanford University, with a joint appointment in the School of Engineering and the Institute for International Studies, where he is co-director of the Preventive Defense Project, a research collaboration

of Stanford and Harvard Universities. His previous academic experience includes professor (half-time) at Stanford from 1988 to 1993, when he was the codirector of the Center for International Security and Arms Control. He also served as a part-time lecturer in the Department of Mathematics at Santa Clara University from 1971 to 1977.

Dr. Perry served as Secretary of Defense from February 1994 to January 1997. His previous government experience was as Deputy Secretary of Defense (1993–1994) and Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (1977–1981). Important contributions from his time in office include instituting needed acquisition reforms, managing the post-Cold War military drawdown, ensuring effective U.S. military deployments in Haiti, Bosnia, Korea, and the Persian Gulf, forging strong relationships with defense counterparts overseas, and advancing the Partnership for Peace within NATO.

In response to discussions with his regional colleagues at the second Defense Ministerial of the Americas in 1996, Dr. Perry proposed the creation of a regional education center tailored to the unique requirements of democratic countries that sought to strengthen civilian defense and security leadership. Secretary Perry's vision became reality the following year with the establishment of the Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies.

Dr. Perry was born October 11, 1927, in Vandergrift, Pennsylvania. He attended grade school and high school in Butler, Pennsylvania. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Stanford University and his Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State, all in mathematics. He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. From 1946 to 1947, Dr. Perry was an enlisted man in the Army Corps of Engineers and served in the Army of Occupation in Japan. He joined the Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1948 and was a second lieutenant in the army reserves from 1950 to 1955.

## Previous Winners of the William J. Perry Award

The William J. Perry Award was first presented in 2007 as part of the Center's 10th anniversary celebration. At that time, the Center's senior leadership determined that it should be awarded to the creators and director of Peru's "Strategic Leadership for Defense and Crisis Management Course" (known by the Spanish acronym CEDEYAC), who modeled their course on the Perry Center's academic content and instructional methodology, adapted to the Peruvian reality. Subsequent winners have been:

### Past Awards (Individual Category):

- **2016:** Ambassador Luigi R. Einaudi of the United States
- **2015:** Admiral Vidal Francisco Soberón Sanz, Secretary of the Mexican Navy, and Professor Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith, Ph.D.
- **2014:** Dr. Richard Millett, Professor Emeritus of History, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville
- **2013:** Dr. Maria Liz Garcia de Arnold, Minister of Defense of Paraguay
- **2012:** Felipe Calderón, Former President of Mexico, and Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence of Canada
- **2011:** Nelson Jobim, Former Minister of Defense of Brazil
- **2010:** Dr. José Bayardi, Former Minister of Defense of Uruguay, and General (Ret.) John Galvin, U.S. Army
- **2009:** *No Individual Award Presented*
- **2008:** Alvaro Uribe Vélez, President of Colombia

### Past Awards (Institutional Category):

- **2016:** The Technical Secretariat of the National Security Council of Guatemala and the Center for Defense Policy Studies of Guatemala
- **2015:** *No Institutional Award Presented*
- **2014:** The Inter-American Defense College (IADC) and Spain's Center of Advanced Studies of National Defense (CESEDEN)
- **2013:** The National War College (ESDEGUE) of Colombia
- **2012:** The Regional Security System (RSS) and the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC)
- **2011:** The U.S. National Guard Bureau's State Partnership Program
- **2010:** The Center for Superior Naval Studies (CESNAV) of Mexico
- **2009:** The Strategic Superior Studies College (CAEE) of El Salvador
- **2008:** The National Academy for Political and Strategic Studies (ANEPE) of Chile
- **2007:** The Strategic Leadership for Defense and Crisis Management Course (CEDEYAC) of Peru